



## **Applicants Sought for Clean Elections Commissioner**

*Applications Accepted Until January 20, 2017*

The Honorable Senator Katie Hobbs, will appoint the next Commissioner for the term beginning February 1, 2017 and expiring January 31, 2022. The candidates for Commissioner must meet the following criteria:

- Shall **not** be a member of the Democrat Party and shall reside **outside** of Pima County
- Shall have been registered to vote continuously recorded for at least five years immediately preceding appointment with the same political party or as an independent;
- Shall be committed to enforcing the Act in an honest, independent and impartial fashion and to seeking to uphold public confidence in the integrity of the electoral system;
- Shall be a qualified elector who has not, in the previous five years in this state, been appointed to, been elected to, or run for any public office, including precinct committeeman, or served as an officer of a political party;
- No commissioner, during his or her tenure or for three years thereafter, shall seek or hold any other public office, serve as an officer of any political committee, or employ or be employed as a lobbyist.

Arizonans outside of Pima County interested in applying to serve on the commission may obtain an application online at [www.azcleanelections.gov](http://www.azcleanelections.gov). Applicants may also receive an application in the mail by contacting Paula Thomas, Citizens Clean Elections Commission at (602) 364-3477 or 1-877-631-8891. Applications will be accepted until Friday, January 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

# **INFORMATION SHEET FOR APPLICANTS**

## **CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

The Citizens Clean Elections Act was approved by the voters at the November 1998 general election. The following summarizes the major provisions of the Act pertaining to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission.

### ***CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION (CCEC) §16-955, §16-956***

- ✂ Establishes the five member Citizens Clean Elections Commission (CCEC) with the following requirements for membership:
  - ☞ No more than two members may be members of the same political party.
  - ☞ No more than two members may be residents of the same county.
  - ☞ Members must have been continuously registered as a voter with the same political party or as an independent for the five years immediately preceding appointment.
  - ☞ Members may not have been appointed to, elected to or have run for any public office\*, including precinct committeeman or served as an officer of a political party in this state within the five years preceding appointment.
  - ☞ Members may not have previously served as a member of the CCEC and may not seek or hold any other public office, serve as an officer of a political committee or employ or be employed as a lobbyist during their tenure on the CCEC or for three years thereafter.
- ✂ Requires an elected official to nominate candidates for the CCEC who are committed to enforcing the Act in an "...honest, independent and impartial fashion..." and who seek "...to uphold public confidence in the integrity of the electoral system."
- ✂ Authorizes the Governor to remove a CCEC member, with the consent of the Senate, for substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct in office, inability to discharge the powers and duties of the office, or violation of the Citizens Clean Elections Act.
- ✂ Authorizes CCEC members to receive compensation of \$280 per day for every day the CCEC meets and to be reimbursed for travel expenses.
- ✂ Authorizes the CCEC to elect a chair and appoint an executive director.
- ✂ Empowers the CCEC to adopt rules to carry out the purposes of the Act.
- ✂ Requires the CCEC to publish an annual report.
- ✂ Authorizes the CCEC to enforce the reporting and funding provisions of the Act.
- ✂ Directs the CCEC to sponsor debates among the candidates.

<b>*ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD REVIEW THE DEFINITION OF 'PUBLIC OFFICE' (SEE ATTACHED) BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.</b>
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### ***DEFINITION OF 'PUBLIC OFFICE'***

Members of the CCEC may not have been appointed to, elected to or have run for any public office, including precinct committeeman or served as an officer of a political party in this state within the five years preceding appointment (A.R.S. §16-955(B)). In making nominations for the CCEC, the following factors will be considered in determining whether an applicant will be disqualified as having held or run for a public office:

1. Is the applicant currently holding a position which is created by the Arizona constitution or a statute?
2. If so, is the position authorized to independently perform duties that involve exercise of the state's authority?

These factors will be considered on a case-by-case basis because it is not possible to provide an exhaustive list of all positions that would be considered 'public office.' However, it is clear that people who have held or run for the following offices within the last five years are *ineligible* for nomination and appointment to the CCEC:

Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Corporation Commissioner, Mine Inspector, State House of Representatives and Senate, Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Superior Court, Justice of the Peace, Municipal Court Judge or Magistrate, County Supervisor, County Sheriff, Clerk of Superior Court, County Assessor, County Recorder, County School Superintendent, County Treasurer, Constable, Mayor, City Council, School Board, Community College Board, Water or Fire District, and all constitutional and statutory boards and commissions that are not advisory in nature.

The above list is *not* exhaustive and there may be other positions that would be considered 'public office.' If you have held or run for any government position or served on any governmental board or commission, at the state or local level, please indicate the position(s) in your application so they may be evaluated to determine your eligibility.

If you have questions about the application form or nomination process, please call:

Citizens Clean Elections Commission  
Paula Thomas, Executive Officer  
(602) 364-3477  
Toll free 1-877-631-8891

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM**

**CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

1. **Complete all answers. If more space is needed attached additional pages.**  
Application is on-line at [www.azcleanelections.gov](http://www.azcleanelections.gov).
2. **Complete all questions.** If a question does not apply, indicate "Not applicable" in the space provided. If the information is not available, indicate "Not available" and state the reason(s) the information is not available.
3. **Attach your resume** and a statement explaining why you are interested in serving on the Clean Elections Commission. Applications that do not include a resume and statement of interest will not be considered for nomination.
4. **Have the application notarized.**
5. **Send the signed and notarized application and attachments to:**  

Citizens Clean Elections Commission  
Attn: Paula Thomas, Executive Officer  
1616 W. Adams, Suite 110  
Phoenix, AZ 85007
6. **Application should be postmarked or hand delivered to the above address by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2017.**

**APPLICATION FOR  
CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER**

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENT OF ARIZONA SINCE (specify years) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION:** Include name of institution, year of graduation, and degree received.

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**POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR INDEPENDENT:**

**Applicant must be a continuously registered voter in Arizona with the same political party or as an Independent for the past five years.** Have you been registered with the same political party or as an Independent for the past five years? Yes ( ) No ( )

Select one: **Party Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Independent:** ( )

**PUBLIC OFFICE:**

LIST **all** elected or appointed offices, boards, commissions, political party and organizations in which you have served as an officer, member, or a candidate for, in the past five (5) years. Please include the dates of service and title. (Provide attachment if necessary.)

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

LIST **all** professional, community service, honors, prizes, and other forms of recognitions for past five (5) years. Include dates of service and indicate **all** offices held in any organization. (Provide attachment if necessary)

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**LIST THREE REFERENCES (PERSONAL AND/OR PROFESSIONAL):**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position/Title** \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position/Title** \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Are you committed to enforcing the Citizens Clean Elections Act in an honest, independent and impartial fashion and to seeking to uphold public confidence in the integrity of the electoral system?  
Yes ( ☐ ) No ( ☐ )

2. Are you committed to attending all Citizens Clean Elections Commission meetings in their entirety?  
Yes ( ☐ ) No ( ☐ )

3. Are you a qualified elector who has **not**, in the previous five years in this state, been appointed to, or run for any public office, including precinct committeeman, or served as an officer of a political party?  
Yes ( ☐ ) No ( ☐ ) If **no, attach explanation.**

4. Have you been continuously registered for at least the past five years with the same political party or as an Independent? Yes ( ☐ ) No ( ☐ ) If **no, attach explanation.**

List your political registration for the past five years: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Is there any possible conflict of interest or other matter that would create problems or prevent you from fairly and impartially discharging your duties as an appointee to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission?  
Yes ( ☐ ) No ( ☐ ) If **yes, attach explanation.**

6. Are you now an officer, director, or majority stockholder, or otherwise engaged in the management, of any business enterprise? Yes ( ☐ ) No ( ☐ ) If **yes**, give details by attachment, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other description of your position, the nature of your duties and the term of your service.

7. If your parents, siblings, spouse or children are employed or engaged in any business or profession, state (by attachment) their names and the name and address of their employer or the business in which they are engaged.

8. Have you filed your state or federal income tax returns for all years you were legally required to file them?  
Yes ( ☐ ) No ( ☐ ) If **no, attach explanation**

9. Have you paid all state, federal and local taxes when due? Yes ( ☐ ) No ( ☐ ) If **no, attach explanation**

10. Have you ever violated a court order including but not limited to an order for payment of child or spousal support? Yes ( ☐ ) No ( ☐ ) If **yes, attach explanation**

11. Have you ever been expelled, terminated, or suspended from employment, or any school or course of learning on account of plagiarism, cheating, or any other "cause" that might reflect in any way on your integrity? Yes ( ☐ ) No ( ☐ ) If **yes, attach explanation**

12. Are you, in any jurisdiction, currently charged with or have you ever been arrested for, convicted of or pleaded guilty to any felony, misdemeanor, or violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice? Yes ( ☐ ) No ( ☐ ) If **yes, attach explanation**

13. If you performed military service, please indicate (by attachment) the date and type of discharge. If other than honorable discharge, explain.
14. List and describe, by attachment, any litigation involving an allegation of fraud in which you are or were a defendant.
15. During the past 5 years, have you unlawfully used controlled substances, narcotic drugs or dangerous drugs as defined by Federal and State laws? Yes ( ) No ( ) If **yes, attach explanation**  
(Unlawful use includes the use of one or more drugs and/or the unlawful possession or distribution of drugs. It does not include the use of drugs taken under supervision of a licensed health care professional or other uses authorized by Federal law provisions.)
16. In the past year, have you ever been reprimanded, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended or terminated by an employer as a result of your alleged consumption of alcohol, prescription drugs or illegal use of drugs? Yes ( ) No ( ) If **yes**, state by attachment the circumstances under which such action was taken, the name(s) of any persons who took such action, and the background and resolution of such action.
17. Have you ever refused to submit to a test to determine whether you had consumed and/or were under the influence of alcohol or drugs? Yes ( ) No ( ) If **yes**, state the date you were requested to submit to such a test, type of test requested, the name of the entity requesting that you submit to the test, the outcome of your refusal and the reason why you refused to submit to such a test.
18. Within the past five years, have you ever been formally reprimanded, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended or terminated by an employer? Yes ( ) No ( ) If **yes**, state the circumstances under which such action was taken, the date(s) such action was taken, the name(s) of any persons who took such action, and the background and resolution of such action.
19. Have you ever been a party to litigation alleging that you failed to comply with the substantive requirements of any business or contractual arrangement, including but not limited to bankruptcy proceedings? Yes ( ) No ( ) If **yes, attach explanation**
20. Provide any additional information relative to your application or qualifications you would like to bring to our attention at this time.

**SIGNATURE OF THIS APPLICATION:**

- If appointed to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission I shall not seek or hold any other public office, serve as an officer of any political committee, or employ or be employed as a lobbyist during my tenure on the Citizens Clean Elections Commission or for three years thereafter, pursuant to A.R.S. §16-955 (I).
- I have reviewed the statutory requirements governing the Citizens Clean Elections Commission and attest that I meet those requirements.
- I authorize investigation of all statements contained herein and the references listed above to give you any and all information concerning my qualifications and any pertinent information they may have, personal or otherwise, and release all parties from all liability for any damages that may result from furnishing the same to you.
- I understand that the Commission which reviews my application may or may not conduct an interview(s) and/or may make its decision based on my responses to this Application and any due diligence.
- The statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

State of Arizona )

) ss.

County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by  
\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
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#### OPTIONAL SECTION

*The Citizens Clean Elections Commission strives for diversity in its appointments. Therefore, in this optional section, we ask you to consider providing us with information that will help us evaluate our progress in achieving this goal.*

RACE/ETHNICITY:            ☐ WHITE (Not Hispanic)            ☐ NATIVE AMERICAN  
                                 ☐ HISPANIC            ☐ ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER  
                                 ☐ AFRICAN AMERICAN

GENDER:                      ☐ MALE    ☐ FEMALE

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:**

**Citizens Clean Elections Commission**

*Attn: Paula Thomas, Executive Officer*

1616 W. Adams, Suite 110

Phoenix, Arizona 850007

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, January 20, 2017, OR HAND DELIVERED BY 5 P.M., on Friday, January 20, 2017.**